

## Indiana State Board of Education **Request for Freeway School Accreditation**

Board Date: June 6, 2012

School: **Todd Academy** B293

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Indianapolis, IN 46202

**Grade Span**: 6-12

Public/Private: Private

Targeted Population: Marion County area families seeking a gifted and talented-based school

The following executive summary has been compiled by the Office of School Accreditation for use by the Indiana State Board of Education. It includes information presented by the school during the accreditation process, potential legal standard issues, and any other information collected during the process that may impact accreditation.

The community served by Todd Academy is broad, diverse, and unbounded by Identity: class, socioeconomic status, race, or geography. Students are representative of the diversity of central Indiana. 65% of the students receive some sort of financial aid assistance and 40% of the student population qualify for free or reduced lunch. The school has a diverse student body of which 60% of our students are Caucasian, 25% of the students are black, and 15% of the students are Hispanic or identify themselves as some other ethnicity.

Curriculum: The school utilizes an integrated curriculum built from the Common Core State Standards and designed to allow students to get a profound sense of the width and breadth of the subject material. Although students are in a given grade level, they are challenged to rise to the level of their ability, even if that ability is well beyond the traditional K-12 level. Most students at the high school level are taking courses for dual credit or going to the IUPUI campus for undergraduate credit through the SPAN program for high achieving high school students.

**Testing History:** N/A

Staffing: While several staff members hold teaching licenses, the majority of staff hold bachelors or master degrees in their area of instruction.

Waiver Requests: None None

Issues:

Recommendations: Full Five-Year Freeway Accreditation